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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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The arts play a central role in the quality of life for Los Angeles County residents. The arts are integral to youth education and skill development, diversity and cultural awareness, as well as the regional economy. Each year, to help achieve these outcomes, Los Angeles County supports more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations through the County Arts Commission's Organizational Grant Program.

Since the last funding increase in 2000, requests have dramatically outstripped available resources and the number of organizations receiving assistance for core operations and programs has increased by one-third. In addition, increases in the cost of living, coupled with low per capita State spending on the arts, have contributed to an increasingly challenging environment for our local nonprofit arts organizations. Additional funds will not only address these problems, but also allow the Arts Commission to phase in a process for two-year funding that will promote organizational stability and uninterrupted cultural services.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Office to transfer \$1,159,000 from Appropriation for Contingencies to the Arts Commission Budget for the Organizational Grant Program.

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